IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

CHARLESTON DIVISION

IN RE: ETHICON, INC.
PELVIC SUPPORT SYSTEMS
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

**MDL 2327** 

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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO THE CASES IN EXHIBIT A ATTACHED HERETO

## **INACTIVE DOCKET ORDER**

The Court has been advised by counsel that in the cases listed on the attached Exhibit A, the plaintiffs and Ethicon, Inc.<sup>1</sup> ("Ethicon") have agreed to a settlement model with regard to Ethicon. The Court, therefore, finds it unnecessary to conduct further proceedings or to keep these cases on the active docket. Accordingly, the Court **ORDERS** as follows:

- 1. All discovery deadlines are continued until further order of the Court.
- 2. That the Clerk retire each of the cases listed on the attached Exhibit A to the pending inactive docket.
- 3. Plaintiffs and Ethicon may submit an agreed order of dismissal with prejudice on or before August 31, 2018; if settlements are not finalized and dismissal orders are not submitted by August 31, 2018, then the Court will have a hearing to determine the appropriate action pertaining to any remaining cases on the inactive docket.

Counsel for plaintiffs and defendant(s) are directed to provide quarterly reports as to their progress in dismissing cases on the inactive docket. The Court is aware that counsel have agreed

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As used herein, "Ethicon" refers collectively to Johnson & Johnson, Ethicon LLC, Ethicon, Inc. as well as any of its former or present parent companies, subsidiaries, affiliated companies, directors, officers, design surgeons, employees, distributors, detail representatives named in an action pending in MDL No. 2327

to a settlement model for a group of cases and claims, including those on Exhibit A. The Court will reinstate any case on the attached Exhibit A to the active docket if one of the parties, on motion, shows good cause for such reinstatement. Good cause includes, but is not limited to, a plaintiff's refusal or inability to consummate settlement. Such motion must be accompanied by an affidavit from plaintiff explaining such refusal or inability.

The Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to file a copy of this order in MDL No. 2327 and in the individual cases listed on the attached Exhibit A. The Clerk is further **DIRECTED** to link this Order to the Proposed Inactive Docket order filed at ECF NO. 5573, and send a copy of this Order to counsel of record and any unrepresented party.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## **EXHIBIT A**

## LAMINACK PIRTLE

Case No.	Last Name	First Name
2:16cv09710	Hipwell	Cheryl
2:16cv09711	Tatalovich	Linda
2:16cv09714	Huff	Alberta
2:16cv09717	Martinez	Yuny
2:16cv09718	Thompson	Lonnie
2:16cv09722	Miller	Lottie
2:16cv09723	Wiseman	Debra
2:16cv09956	Pearsall	Andrea
2:16cv09957	Peltz	Judy Anne
2:16cv09969	Pliner	Wendy
2:16cv09972	Polise	Linda
2:16cv09982	Rapp	Roseanne
2:16cv10080	Pruitt	Victoria
2:17cv01825	Hiscock	Margaret
2:17cv02047	Dupont	Shelly
2:17cv02727	Wise	Mary
2:17cv03675	Alfaro	Priscilla
2:17cv03925	Bennett	Beverly
2:17cv04260	Jeter	Rosetta